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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The eleventh session of the Committee against Torture will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 8 to 19 November 1993. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 8 November 1993, at 10.30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the eleventh session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 31 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Convention that the meetings should be held in private.

4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4, which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the eleventh session. In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, representatives of States parties are invited to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of officers when required under rule 15. In accordance with rule 9, during a session the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items; only urgent and important items may be added to the agenda.

2. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee may wish to consider its programme of work for the session, as well as any other matter concerning the modalities of discharging its functions under the Convention. In this connection, the Committee will have before it a note by the secretariat concerning the methods of work of other treaty bodies.

3. Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention

Initial reports

In accordance with rule 65 of its rules of procedure and the Committee's decisions, the Secretary-General continued sending reminders automatically to those States parties whose initial reports were more than 12 months overdue, and subsequent reminders every 6 months. In the case of reports which were more than three years overdue, the Chairman of the Committee, at its request, discussed the question of reporting obligations with the representatives of the States parties concerned or addressed a letter on the subject to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, as appropriate.

Initial reports were due in 1988 from the 27 States parties listed in document CAT/C/5. On 24 July 1992, the Chairman of the Committee addressed a letter to the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Togo and Uganda which had not yet submitted their initial reports due in 1988.

Under rule 65 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General is required to notify the Committee at each session of all cases of non-submission of reports. Accordingly, the two States parties whose initial reports were due in 1988 but had not been received as at 1 September 1993 are listed below:

State party	Date on which the initial report was due
Togo	17 December 1988
Uganda	25 June 1988

In this connection, the Committee may recall that, at its seventh session, it decided to invite Togo and Uganda to submit, in one document, both

the initial reports and the second periodic reports, which were due by 17 December 1992 and 25 June 1992, respectively. A reminder in that regard was sent by the Secretary-General on 14 July 1993.

Initial reports were due in 1989 from the 10 States parties listed in document CAT/C/7. The Chairman of the Committee, on 24 July 1992, addressed a letter to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guyana with regard to the submission of the initial report by that State party, which was due on 17 June 1989. The Committee at its tenth session decided to invite Guyana to submit, in one document, both the initial report and the second periodic report, which was due on 17 June 1993. A note verbale in that regard was sent by the Secretary-General on 9 June 1993. The reports of Guyana had not been received as at 1 September 1993.

The 11 States parties whose initial reports were due in 1990 are listed in document CAT/C/9. The Secretary-General, by notes verbales sent on 8 January 1993 and 5 August 1993, requested for the third or the fourth time, as appropriate, the States parties which had not yet submitted their initial reports in 1990 to do so as soon as possible. The names of the two States whose initial reports were due in 1990 but had not been received as at 1 September 1993, are given below:

State party	Date on which the initial report was due
Brazil	27 October 1990
Guinea	8 November 1990

The list of seven States parties whose initial reports were due in 1991 appears in document CAT/C/12. The Secretary-General, by notes verbales sent on 30 March and 5 August 1993, requested for the second or the third time, as appropriate, those States parties whose initial reports were overdue by more than 12 months to submit their report as soon as possible. The names of the three States whose initial reports were due in 1991 but had not been received as at 1 September 1993 are given below:

State party	Date on which the initial report was due
Guatemala	3 February 1991
Malta	12 October 1991
Somalia	22 February 1991

The list of 10 States parties whose initial reports were due in 1992 appears in document CAT/C/16/Rev.1. The names of the eight States parties whose initial reports were due in 1992 but had not been received by 1 September 1993 are given below:

State party	Date on which the initial report was due
Croatia	7 October 1992
Estonia	19 November 1992
Israel	1 November 1992
Jordan	12 December 1992
Nepal	12 June 1992
Venezuela	27 August 1992
Yemen	4 December 1992
Yugoslavia	9 October 1992

A first reminder was sent by the Secretary-General on 5 August 1993 to Nepal, whose initial report was overdue for more than 12 months.

The list of seven States parties whose initial reports were due in 1993 appears in document CAT/C/21/Rev.1. The names of the five States parties whose initial reports were due before 1 September 1993 but had not been received by that date are given below:

State party	Date on which the initial report was due
Benin	10 April 1993
Cape Verde	3 July 1993
Latvia	13 May 1993
Monaco	4 January 1993
Seychelles	3 June 1993

Periodic reports

Second periodic reports were due in 1992 from the 26 States parties listed in document CAT/C/17. The Secretary-General, by notes verbales sent on 14 July 1993, requested the States parties which had not yet submitted their second periodic reports in 1992 to do so as soon as possible. The names of the 15 States parties whose second periodic reports had not been received by 1 September 1993 are given below:

State party	Date on which the second periodic report was due
Afghanistan	25 June 1992
Austria	27 August 1992
Belize	25 June 1992
Bulgaria	25 June 1992
Cameroon	25 June 1992
Denmark	25 June 1992
France	25 June 1992
Luxembourg	28 October 1992
Philippines	25 June 1992
Russian Federation	25 June 1992
Senegal	25 June 1992

State party	Date on which the second periodic report was due
Switzerland	25 June 1992
Togo	17 December 1992
Uganda	25 June 1992
Uruguay	25 June 1992

Second periodic reports were due in 1993 from the nine States parties listed in document CAT/C/20/Rev.1. The names of the four States parties whose periodic reports were due before 1 September 1993 but had not been received by that date are given below:

State party	Date on which the second periodic report was due
Colombia	6 January 1993
Guyana	17 June 1993
Peru	5 August 1993
Turkey	31 August 1993

4. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the eleventh session, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairman and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Tuesday, 9 November 1993

Belize: initial report	CAT/C/5/Add.25
Peru: initial report	CAT/C/7/Add.15

Wednesday, 10 November 1993

Paraguay: initial report	CAT/C/12/Add.3

Thursday, 11 November 1993

Poland: initial report	CAT/C/9/Add.13

Friday, 12 November 1993

Egypt: second periodic report	CAT/C/17/Add.11

Monday, 15 November 1993

Ecuador: second periodic report	CAT/C/20/Add.1

Tuesday, 16 November 1993

Portugal: initial report	CAT/C/9/Add.15

Wednesday, 17 November 1993

Cyprus: initial report CAT/C/16/Add.2

In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States Parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its eleventh session and has invited them to designate representatives to attend those meetings of the Committee.

5. Consideration of information under article 20 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item information which is, or appears to be, submitted for its consideration under article 20 of the Convention.

In accordance with the provisions of article 20, paragraph 5, of the Convention and rules 72 and 73 of the rules of procedure, all documents and proceedings of the Committee relating to its functions under article 20 of the Convention shall be confidential and all the meetings concerning its proceedings under that article shall be closed.

6. Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XIX of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are, or appear to be, submitted to it under article 22 of the Convention.

In accordance with article 22, paragraph 6, of the Convention and rule 101, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure, meetings of the Committee or its subsidiary bodies during which communications under article 22 of the Convention are examined shall be closed.

7. World Conference on Human Rights

Under this item, the Committee will consider a report by its representative to the Conference. In addition, the Committee will have before it the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action (A/CONF.157/23) and the report of the meeting of international and regional human rights treaty bodies (A/CONF.157/TBB/4 and Add.1).